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வித்துவான் தி. முத்துக்கண்ணப்பன்: இந்த போர்டு அமைக்கப்படுவதன் நோக்கம் என்ன?

கனம் திருமதி ஜோதி வெங்கடாசலம்: போர்டு அமைப்பதே பரிசீலனையில் இருக்கிறது. அமைத்த பிறகு நோக்கத்தைச் சொல்ல முடியும்.

Synthetic anti-malarials

* 207 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to Legislative Council Question No. 22 on 11th August 1960 (*a*) whether there is any restriction on the import of synthetic anti-malarials; and

(*b*) if so, the arrangements made for the availability of alternative drugs?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: (*a*) Yes, Sir. The import of synthetic anti-malarials is restricted to 15 per cent of past imports in respect of chloroquine and its salts (in bulk) while the import quota is nil in respect of proguanil hydrochloride and lactate.

(*b*) The manufacture of synthetic anti-malarials, such as amodiaquin and chloroquine has been started in India. Four firms, three in Maharashtra and one in West Bengal, have been licensed to manufacture those drugs. Indigenous production supplemented by limited imports is expected to be sufficient to meet the country's requirements. Hence, the question of making available alternative drugs does not arise.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Sir, may I know what is the quantity of indigenous medicine or material so far produced?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: Sir, a separate question may be put.

Old age pension

*208 Q.—SRI SP. K. A. LAKSHMANAN CHETTIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether it is a fact that old age pension is denied to aged parents who have been discarded by the sons due to poverty on the ground that they have sons?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: No, Sir.

* 209 Q.—SRI SP. K. A. LAKSHMANAN CHETTIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to grant pension to aged people who have been left discarded by their well-to-do sons; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter now stands?